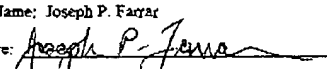


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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit of priority for the above-identified application, under 35 USC 120 and 365(c), of prior-filed international application PCT JP05/07120, filed on April 13, 2005.

In particular, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(3)(i) and 35 USC 120, a 4-page UPDATED application data sheet with appropriate priority information and a preliminary amendment inserting the appropriate priority information into the application are attached.

It should be noted that the original application data sheet filed with the present application listed both Japanese priority patent application no. 2005-152672 and PCT application

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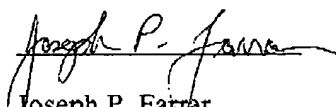
PCT/JP05/07120 under the heading "Foreign Priority Information." The updated application data sheet respectively lists Japanese priority patent application no. 2005-152672 under the heading "Foreign Priority Information" and PCT application PCT/JP05/07120 under the heading "Domestic Priority Information." Therefore, the present application should be treated as a continuation of the aforementioned PCT application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(ii), authorization is hereby provided to debit Deposit Account 50-3546 for the required petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t). Any additional necessary fees may also be charged to Deposit Account 50-3546.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(iii), and for the reasons set forth above, the undersigned states that the entire delay between the priority claim due date as defined under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)(ii) and the present claim for priority was unintentional.

It is respectfully requested that the above petition be timely granted and that the above claims for priority be entered into the record.

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Attachments: (1) UPDATED Application Data Sheet (4 pages)
(2) Preliminary Amendment (3 pages)

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Application Data Sheet

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UPDATED Application Data SheetApplication Information

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CD-ROM or CD-R? None
Title:: Semiconductor wafer inspection device and
method
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